

Evansville Youth Center

Regular Meeting

Youth Center, 209 S First St., Evansville, WI 53536

Monday, July 25th, 2022 5:30 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:31pm

2. Roll Call

Members		Others Present
Butch Beedle	Present	Interim Director Angie Olsen
Alderson Ben Corridon	Present	
Andy Dewar	Present	
Bill Lathrop	Present	
Ben Myers	Absent	
Kenneth Updike	Present	
Greg Vossekuil	Absent	

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda**, by Beedle, seconded by Dewar, approved unanimously.
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes** of the June 27th, 2022 meeting and approve as printed, by Dewar, seconded by Beedle, approved unanimously
Approved unanimously with an understanding the next meeting date recorded in the minutes will be corrected to July 25th from the 21st.
5. **Civility reminder** - Corridon reminded the group to conduct civil discussion
6. **Citizen Appearances** - none.
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Current Inventory - Discussed taking supplies and equipment inventory on Saturday, July 30th, from noon to 4 pm.
 - b. Discussed needed inventory based upon current observations.

Angie: All of the food needs to be refilled

Angie: Need to increase the arts & crafts inventory

Angie is keeping a list and also putting together a monthly calendar of activities

Corridon: What would we like to have?

Angie: All furniture in the corner room should be replaced, it was old when it got here.

Beedle: Chess is still popular - and Andy noted the connection with hosting the school's clubs.

White Board would be helpful - Angie mentioned White Board paint

Discussed the dark room. - makes Angie uncomfortable - not a fantastic idea for middle schoolers.

How do we get the word out regarding donations and the types of supplies and furniture we could use?

Discussed Evansville Review

Dewar: We need a reverse garage sale

Public Postings: Creekside, Casey's

Beedle: Every 3 months, we should have a supply drive

Discussed raising money by selling donated goods

8. New items to discuss

a. **Hire of Youth Center Coordinator**

The City was able to hire Deb Arnold for the Coordinator role. She has very strong experience as a prior teacher and guidance counselor and also works with AWARE. She should be a great fit.

b. **Building Inspection Findings**

Evansville's building inspector Larry Schalk inspected the Youth Center building and identified three primary items needing attention:

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1. Front door - one side doesn't open - the side that opens out (and is required to open) doesn't work.
 2. There are not enough smoke detectors, and the detectors should be hard-wired.
 3. Basement beam support columns are regularly exposed to water in the basement. Made of wood, they are starting to rot. Recommends an engineer inspection.

Discussed the water problems in the basement. The water appears to come in through the foundation rather than the roof - though the roof may also have problems.

Beedle: Mold smell has been a historical problem - we should try to keep it from coming back

Angie will start with Dale Roberts of Public Works to see what repairs the City can perform.

Discussion included acquiring adjustable steel floor jacks to replace the wooden supports. Angie will discuss this with Jason.

The inspector had no comments about the outside of the building

Discussed the need to maintain a list of building problems to have on hand to document the need for a broader solution.

c. Alumni Event - Golf Outing on Homecoming Weekend

Dewar: This was Ben Myers' project. Mr. Corridon will reach out to Mr. Myers to check the status of the project. To pull this off - we need to get moving.

d. Student Sign Up

Corridon: How is this done?

Beedle: In a variety of ways, it can appear in the paper and be included in the Middle School orientation packet.

Dewar: How do we put it on our FB page? Do we have control of our FB Page? Angie mentioned starting a new one.

Udike: When is school orientation?

Beedle: We need a signature - is that a problem with an online form? Though paper signups typically get lost.

Corridon: Google forms would provide a good mechanism. That would then give us a database of people. Corridon can help with this.

Angie will email Joanie Dobbs about orientation

Also discussed getting signup forms to the Library. Students who attend the Youth Center are frequently also the same ones that go to the Library after school.

Need to get volunteer forms for High School students. Angie has been telling the lifeguards about the Youth Center

Dewar: Do we need background checks for student volunteers?

Discussed options of checking with school officials. Lathrop mentioned Police Chief Reese may also be a resource.

The discussion turned to clubs. Corridon mentioned working more closely with the School District.

Offering up space for clubs - eliminating the need for the school to host and monitor them - and may bring other adult volunteers into the youth center.

Discussed using the school's green space. We have previously just done so - though agreed it would be better to get school acknowledgment of this.

Discussed the need for surveillance of students outside the building and mentioned the practicality of security cameras.

The discussion also included that the Boy Scouts also use the EYC building for overnight events a couple of times a year.

9. Next Meeting Date – Monday, August 22nd. At the Youth Center

10. Mr. Dewar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Beedle, approved unanimously - meeting adjourned.

Future Meeting Dates

- Monday, September 26, 2022
- Monday, October 24, 2022
- Monday, November 21, 2022